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STOCKTON - The San Joaquin Housing Authority is set to receive money from the federal government to assist in its job-training efforts.

Funding that totals \$279,000 will be used to renovate and expand a building that will be used to provide adult education and job training, according to a statement released Friday.

In today's job market, education and job training are critical, said Rep. Jerry McNerney, D-Pleasanton, in a statement.

His office released word of the funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The money comes from the Capital Fund Education and Training Community Facilities Program, designed to give public housing agencies money to build or renovated education facilities.

For San Joaquin Housing Authority, the money will help take an existing building, fix it up by renovating 1,475 square feet and building nearly 800 square feet of new space, according to McNerney's office.

The Housing Authority provides public housing, housing vouchers and includes in its mission the idea of helping people in subsidized housing become self-sufficient.